

1st December 1854

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date I am advised by His Excellency to thank you for your earnest efforts, which in your professional calling you are making to allay the disturbances. Unless the Government enforce the laws which may be in operation disorder and licentiousness must prevail.

2. You know a commission is issued for the purpose of enquiry into the state and condition of the Digging population until they make their report the Laws that His Excellency found in force must be obeyed.

(Signed)

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